



Royal Blue Heron Montessori Academy

# FALL 2023

## Class News

We would like to welcome back the returning students and also welcome the new students to Royal Blue Heron Montessori Academy. We hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer.

As the season turns to autumn, we will be observing the environment to view the changes in the season.

We take the children out to the playground but also go for neighbourhood and dike walks. We point out the changes as we go to heighten your child's

aware-  
ness.

We see the many colours of the changing leaves, the mushrooms sprouting, the acorns underfoot, the snow geese returning to spend the winter here and the squirrels gathering nuts for the cold weather to come.

With the weather getting colder and colder, please remember to have your children dress in a warm coat and hat. As the weather also gets wetter, please remember to dress them in warm boots as well.



### FIVE BASIC GOALS OF MONTESSORI EDUCATION

1. To awaken the child's spirit and imagination.
2. To encourage his desire for independence and high sense of self esteem.
3. To help him develop the kindness, courtesy and self discipline.
4. To help children learn to observe, question and explore ideas independently.
5. And, having created a joyful learning, to help the child master the skills and knowledge of their society.

### Important Dates

#### SCHOOL CLOSURES

October 2nd  
National Day  
of Truth  
and Reconciliation

October 9th  
Thanksgiving Day

October 20th  
Professional  
Development Day

November 13th  
Remembrance Day

# Virtue of the Month

## **Responsibility**

- Is knowing and doing what is expected of me

Being responsible means others can trust you to do things with excellence.

You accept accountability for your actions.

When you make a mistake, you offer amends instead of excuses.

Responsibility is the ability to respond ably and to make smart choices.

### **I will:**

- keep my promises
- not make excuses
- do all my work to the best of my ability
- make things right when I do wrong
- know my duty and do my duty
- be ready and willing to clear up misunderstandings

## **Responsibility in the home:**

- Parents diligently working to provide for the family.
- Accepting the challenge of making the house-hold run as smoothly and efficiently as possible.
- A parent giving a child encouragement and advice.
- Children obeying and honouring their parents in actions, words and body language.
- Developing skills to the best of one's ability.

## **Rewards of Responsibility**

**Trust** - When a person completes the work, he or she is given to do, this person will gain trust from others. His or her good reputation will open the door for increased responsibility.

**Profit** - People will reap what they sow; if they are negligent in their work, they will reap nothing in reward. However, people who do what is expected of them will reap a profit greater than the effort they put into their work.

The above was taken from "Achieving True Success - How to Build Character as a Family" and "The Virtues Project".

From its lofty perch, the magnificent bald eagle is able to keep a sharp lookout over its entire domain. With its keen eyesight, the eagle can investigate unusual disturbances a mile below as it soars through the sky.

Important Dates To Remember:

School Closures

Oct 2 2023 - Monday - National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Oct 9 2023 - Monday - Thanksgiving Day

Oct 20 2023 - Friday - Professional-Development Day

Nov 13 2023 - Monday - Remembrance Day

Dec 25 2023 - Jan 5 2024 - Winter Break

Feb 16 2024 - Friday - Professional-Development Day

Feb 19 2024 - Monday - Family Day

Mar 15 2024 - Mar 28 2024 - Spring Break

March 29 2024 - Good Friday

Apr 1 2024 - Easter Monday

May 17 2024 - Friday - Professional-Development Day

May 20 2024 - Monday - Victoria Day

June 20 2024 - Thursday - Last day of 2023-2024 School Year

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held via Zoom at the end of November and the beginning of March.

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